

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 2145  
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 Application No. 09/688,429 ) Confirmation No. 1881  
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 For: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS )  
 HAVING REPLY PRIORITY AND METHOD )  
 THEREOF )

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
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**RESPONSE TO MAY 2, 2006 OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed May 2, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the patent application, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for responding to the Office Action dated May 2, 2006 by one month(s) for a fee of \$120.00 so that the period for response is extended to September 2, 2006 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.